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ASES ASSEMBLY

Kids got into the Christmas spirit.
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IN BRIEF

New Year's Eve events:
5:30 p.m. family skate at the Minden arena; 6 p.m. wagon ride (from back lot of community centre); 7:30 p.m. torch walk leaves Village Green to community centre for huge bonfire at 8:30; 9 p.m. fireworks!

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IN QUOTES

"We've been part of the community for 90 years and we're very proud of that."

Dr. Brenda McCabe,
U of T Survey Camp
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Mittens, schmittens! We want toys!

Grade 1 students sang a song about their dismay at receiving mittens for Christmas at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Christmas assembly Dec. 18. See more photos on page 3. Photo by Chad Ingram.

Senior games name new manager

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Winterfest 2011 – the Ontario Seniors Games event to be held in Haliburton County a year from February – has its general manager.

Michael Malone, a Muskoka resident, was introduced to members of the games' organizing

committee by committee chairperson Alan Clark at an event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Dec. 18.

As Clark explained, the hopes of the committee are that the games will not only put Haliburton on the map as an excellent location for such athletic competitions, but also be an economic boon for the county and foster business

relationships.

"We want to do business here," he said. "What we need is a quarterback to get us there."

Enter Malone, who is currently the general manager of the 2010 Winter Youth Games taking place in Muskoka, and whose resume includes eight years as the chair-

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County short \$1.2 M, debates tax hikes

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Next year is likely to bring a tax hike for Haliburton County residents.

County councillors reviewed the year's preliminary budget at a Dec. 16 meeting and the news was not good for taxpayers.

Just before last week's meeting, the county was informed that it would be losing \$1.2 million in funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) in 2010 and another \$1.2 million from the fund in 2011.

"It's really beyond our control," treasurer Laura Janke told council-

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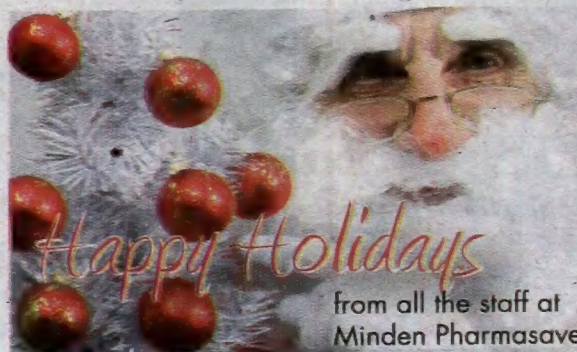
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Webster boys finish the job

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four hours shovelling off the roof to find the protective tarp. While most of Minden lost power the same day, that did not stop them either and they had planned on using the power hammer. While the rest of the area was without power and trying to shovel their way out, these two brothers completed another cottage task on the 2009 list and it turned out great: They returned to Ajax and Pickering the same day and have a story to last a lifetime.

Submitted by Joy Webster

Festive RIDE campaign continues

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment would like to remind the public that the Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign is ongoing and runs through to Jan. 2.

To date, officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment have stopped more than 2,100 vehicles since the campaign began.

Last Thursday night, an officer stopped a vehicle that was northbound on Highway 35 in the township of Minden Hills. The driver was given a roadside screening device test which he failed. He was then arrested and taken to the detachment.

Charged with drive over 80 mgs and two provincial offences act violations is a 22-year-old male of Minden Hills.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment have charged five people with alcohol-related criminal code driving offences since the campaign began on Nov. 27, 2009. Members of the public are encouraged to take a taxi or have a designated driver rather than drink and drive.

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Many students came dressed in Christmas costumes.

ASES kids celebrate

Staff and students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School were dressed in red and green on the morning of Dec. 18 for a Christmas assembly in the school's gymnasium. The assembly included musical performances from a number of the school's classes.



Photos by
Chad Ingram

Christmas isn't just for kids. Staff members were fully into the festive spirit, some wearing ordinate costumes.



The JK classes performed a Christmas classic, "Jingle Bells."

Council seeks disaster relief funds

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills is hoping to get some money from the province to help it pay for the cleanup of the massive snowstorm that dumped more than 120 cm of snow on the township two weeks ago.

Representatives from Ontario's municipal affairs and housing ministry paid a visit to Minden Hills councillors on Dec. 21 to discuss the process of seeking relief funds from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

As councillors learned, the process is a complicated one, fraught with the intricacies of governmental bureaucracy.

The so-called "decision tree" of considerations the ministry must look at in reviewing Minden's request includes whether the disaster was a natural one; how large the impact of the disaster was; whether the associated costs were unforeseen and unbudgeted by the municipality; whether or not property damage is covered by insurance; incremental costs attributed to the event and the financial capacity of the municipality.

While ministry rep Christopher Gleeson told councillors he understood the list looked long, formal and daunting, he reassured them the process is not simply one of checking off boxes and that conversation and understanding would be extended.

"We're not robots," Gleeson said.

The good news for Minden, Gleeson said, is that there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the extreme snowfall of two weeks ago classifies as a natural disaster.

"This is definitely a natural disaster," he said. "I'll set your minds at ease right now."

Minden Hills has also met a second piece of criteria, in that the estimated cleanup costs from the storm are within the requisite two to four per cent of the township's annual taxation.

The township's treasurer and road superintendents are estimating that the cleanup costs will be somewhere between \$150,000 and \$180,000.

Also working in the township's favour is the report the township's fire chief acquired from a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada, documenting in detail the storm's effect on the area.

While there was no damage to public infrastructure as a result of the heavy snowfall, the costs stem mainly from the contracted workers the township has brought in to assist with cleanup, as well as other costs, such as the consultant fees that will be required to locate the township's buried fire hydrants.

Gleeson repeatedly used the massive flood Peterborough experienced in the summer of 2004 as an example of a disaster where the affected municipality was successful in getting relief funding.

It could be a number of months before the township finds out if it will be getting any funds.

EMS up-staffed in snow emergency

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

When it became obvious just how extreme the snowstorm that rocked Haliburton County beginning on Dec. 10 was going to get, the county's roads and EMS departments leapt into overdrive.

"We were kind of aware of what was go-

ing to be happening," county EMS director Pat Kennedy told county councillors at a Dec. 16 meeting, explaining when he'd seen the amount of snow accumulating outside his office window, he knew the county might need some help.

"We up-staffed by one ambulance and brought in staff from Peterborough," Kennedy explained.

The extra staff worked with the county through Friday, Dec. 11, and Saturday, Dec. 12.

Kennedy said the extra staffing was required not just to prepare for any increase in calls that might result from the snow, but also to deal with the fact that ambulance response times would be delayed by the extreme weather.

In the end, EMS only received eight calls during that period, but Kennedy said it was good to have the extra staff on hand.

"It was a lot of work for a lot of people," he said.

Road superintendent Doug Ray said members of his department were also out in full force, trying their best to keep the county's roadways clear.

While Ray said it would have been ideal to close off the windy and hill-filled County Road 21 on the night of Dec. 10, he said the extreme weather made it too difficult to assemble the contingent of employees and police officers that would have been required for such a blockade.



At the Times office, we came across this old photo of the past, 1943 in fact. "A seven-foot hedge is buried deep in snow" is what is inscribed on the back, along with the name John Stouffer. 2009's storm gives 1943 a run for its money.

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Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, centre, served as county warden in 2009 and has been elected by his fellow councillors to serve as warden again for 2010. Also pictured are councillors Jim McMahon, left, Bill Davis, Murray Fearrey, Eleanor Harrison, Tom Gardner and Cheryl Murdoch. Missing: Jim Mackie /Photo by Chad Ingram

Burton named warden again

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was reinstated as warden of Haliburton County at a ceremony last week.

Burton, who served as the county's chief political official for 2009, became warden by acclamation at a short ceremony in county council chambers on Dec. 15.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis nominated Burton for a second consecutive term as warden.

"In my opinion, Dave Burton has met the challenge head on," Davis told the room, which included a crowd of municipal employees and members of the public.

Davis said Burton's drive to see that the needs of the county's four lower-tier municipalities are met, as well as his impeccable attendance record at all sorts of county events, made him a good fit for the position.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison agreed, saying it was an honour to second Davis's motion.

"He's been a pleasure to work with... an excellent warden," Harrison said.

A call was made for other nominations from the floor, but there was none.

In a case where a warden must be decided by vote, it is the members of county council — an eight-member body consisting of the reeves and deputy-reeves of

the county's four townships — who do the voting.

After reciting the oath of office and being presented with the warden's ceremonial medal and gown, Burton made a short acceptance speech.

"As I see it, 2010 will continue to be a challenge for our economy," Burton said, emphasizing that continued cooperation with the provincial and federal levels of government would be key to progress in Haliburton.

The completion of the county's new official plan and continued work on the county's high-speed Internet project will be among council's top priorities, Burton said.

"We'll work as team towards a common goal," he said. "That common goal is Haliburton County and the great people we represent."

MP Barry Devolin was on hand to offer his congratulations and said that working with Burton during the previous year had been a pleasure and that Burton was part of a long line of dedicated wardens of the county.

"I believe Haliburton County has had excellent leadership over the years," Devolin said, pointing out that some of the county's longer-serving politicians have been in office for a good portion of his life.

A wine-and-cheese social followed the ceremony.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Keep sentiment all year

"O H WHY can't every day be like Christmas?" Elvis Presley sang in the song of the same name.
And there's something to that.

Why can't every day be like Christmas? Or, more accurately, why can't the attitudes, generosity and charity adopted by so many people during the festive season be extended throughout the entire calendar year?

Whether it's the multitude of shiny things, the sentimental Christmas songs, the thought of spending time with friends and family or the idea that it's simply what Jesus would have them do, people get incredibly generous at this time of year.

Food banks and other charities see a heartwarming rise in donations, which is fantastic.

However, homeless people don't suddenly find places to live once the new year arrives.

Hungry people are still hungry after the Christmas tree has been taken down and the decorations put away.

Poverty doesn't know what time of year it is.

We live in one of the poorest counties in the province and the ongoing recession has seen patronage at local food banks and other social services spike in the last year. The Minden Food Bank alone now serves more than 210 families.

Let's say each of those families includes four people. That's nearly 1,000 people who rely on Minden's food bank for food.

We're not talking about strangers in some far-off inner city. We're talking about local people; your neighbours, your friends and coworkers.

And increasing your contributions to local charities need not be difficult or overwhelming.

Say you currently make one annual donation to the food bank. Try making two next year, perhaps one in the summer. If you currently make two, try making three.

If people who donate increase their donations just marginally, the effects on their pocketbooks should be minimal, but the end result for local charities should be a lot more resources to work with.

The generosity displayed by people at this time of year is commendable and should be applauded.

However, those of us with a little more than others could try giving a little more a little more often.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Frosty Gull River

Photo by Chad Ingram

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Sun's energy is new gold

To the Editor,

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roads and a dedicated workforce. And in turn, this renewable energy project would bring jobs and positive spinoffs to our area.

But we'll need to convince the provincial government not to renew this American company's exploration claim, once it expires. So, since the province has now jumped on the green bandwagon, it's time to see if it can carry a tune – or whether it's just lip-synching.

Susanne Lauten

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Plant one on me

YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT that Christmas has spawned a whole lot of strange traditions. We give each other gifts, hide things in socks and rave about a drink whose major ingredient is egg. Then we cut down a tree, decorate it with tinsel and other cat attractants, then spend a lot of time admiring it while the surviving trees in the herd breathe a little easier for another year.

It doesn't end there either. No ma'am, we sing about reindeer with red noses, nights that are devoid of noise, and pear trees filled with birds, which, you'll admit, are somewhat rare in these parts.

But the strangest tradition of all is mistletoe.

When you think about it, this is really quite a scam. Some pretty woman walks by, you place a sprig of this greenery over her head and, just like that she is obliged to kiss you. No questions asked either. It's practically the law.

It seems like a fairly straightforward solution for the desperate and maybe even the only path to a genuine Christmas miracle for guys who look like me, but you have to admit that the whole concept is rather odd.

I have never actually kissed a woman under the mistletoe and it's not for lack of trying either. I don't know why it works out this way, but I generally find that I'm a minute or two behind wherever the plant has just appeared. I hear about it, drop everything, dash over, and find out that it just vacated the building.

I once bought a bag of mistletoe from a guy in a back alley, but when I got it home, found out that it was merely parsley. As you are probably aware, at best, parsley will get you a handshake. Often, the woman under it

will talk a bit louder, use simple words and announce better too. Parsley has that kind of effect.

This year, it seems, I have missed the mistletoe yet again. Several women told me there is an international shortage of the stuff. Which is too bad, because I was sure that this was my year.

Once again, I had been practicing under a sprig of simulated mistletoe just in case I do run into some. Just the other day, I hung some in the kitchen doorway and waited in ambush for my wife.

When she walked under it, I suavely leapt out from behind the rocking chair, just like I would if the situation were real rather than simulated. Then I announced, smooth as

silk, "Oh look, here we are under the simulated mistletoe."

Unable to contain her excitement, she purred, "Do you smell parsley?"

"Hey," I snapped my fingers, "focus." "Did you say something?"

I then puckered my lips, just like I had practised in front of the mirror, and pointed to the simulated mistletoe.

"Do you plan on making a garnish?" She asked, speaking loudly and announcing her words.

Apparently, some women have no imagination.

"It's supposed to be mistletoe," I announced smoothly, which is harder than you think with puckered lips.

Suddenly, she clued in and winked. Then she gave me the best handshake ever.

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BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Drat those Christmas cats

THE WORST THING about Christmas is the cat. Somewhere, there's always a cat. Always.

A Christmas cat is worse than the four-hour drives and the pine I am not allowed to mark and everybody being allowed to talk but me and all of that good food being ruined by the cooking.

It is even worse than there being no woods to run in, no porcupines to chase, and the perpetual leash that stands between me and a really good time.

Worse even than having to write this column, which I am doing as a favour to Neil, who has run out of things to write about Christmas.

It's a hard thing, writing a column, because the keys are too small for my paws.

Christmas is supposed to be for sharing, but Neil won't even let me share the driving, which I can do just about as well as I type.

I drive by scent instead of sight. I veer for deer and that alarms him.

So I sleep my life away on the back seat while he drives and drives and drives some more. The only exercise I get is when we arrive in some town and I have to sit up and check out the fast-food joints.

And when we finally get to the place we are going, one of Neil's littermates opens the door and his cat takes one look at me and hides under the sofa and that's when everybody chants, "Poor kitty."

Then they all go and sit in the living room and bark and bark and bark. Nobody listening, everybody barking. Yap, yap,

yap, until I want to fold my tall collie ears. Everyone's allowed to speak but me.

Neil remarks on the splendour of this year's Christmas tree, a song human guests are required to sing for their supper.

I would like to admire it too, but this pine is not for peeing, though I thought that's what pines were made for.

When I was young and the littermate's pups still mewled, Neil also was required to deplore the number of presents under the tree and then add to the pile or there'd be no bread pudding for him.

He'd go on and on about how things were different when he was a boy and drain the room of other human beings and all the while the dratted cat lies there under the pine, gives me the yellow eye, glares,

tail twitching.

Then it sits up and adores its left front paw with a thoughtful lick, the way cats do, and jumps onto the back of the couch when nobody is looking and gives my nose a



BACK OF BEYOND

The Brown Dog Jiggs

swat, also the way cats do.

I nudge the cat just a little, give it a good sniff, try to make friends, and then there is another swat and the cat backs away hissing and somebody says, "Poor kitty," and it's the vestibule for me.

Then the smell of good food wafts down the hall, good food ruined by what humans call cooking but I call burning.

I follow my nose to the dining room doorway and there I stand forlorn. I have a PhD in forlorn.

I look up hopefully at each passing human. The ones that stop, I give their thighs a nudge. If they pat back, I give my tail a wag and then another.

Then I bow my deep collie bow, front legs stretched in supplication, look up and lift my voice in a deep "haroo" that wishes one and all a Merry Christmas.

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Proud to be living and giving in Minden

To the Editor,

Dec. 21, volunteers from the Minden Food Bank began preparing Christmas baskets for individuals and families in our community who don't have enough. Not enough of anything. Not enough food, or warm clothing, or fuel to keep their homes warm, or gifts of toys to give their children.

I felt really proud to be living here when I watched the organization of the donations starting to take place. I took some photographs of the vast array of items donated, displayed in the upstairs room of the Community Centre.

There are about 5,500 people in Haliburton County. By



Minden's community centre is full of donations to the Food Bank. Photo by Laurie Langdon.

the time folks pick up their Christmas baskets, I suspect there will scarcely be a person in this county who is not connected to this activity in some way. Either you work for a company or attend a church that made a donation of food or money to the food bank. Or you made your own donation directly, or through one of the many service clubs who support us.

A friend of mine asked me today why we call it the food bank when it helps others in so many other ways as well. People donate hand-knit items that take hours to complete. They plow and shovel snow for those who can't. They drive around picking up and delivering toys

to be distributed. They own businesses that provide a product or service to the food bank, either at no charge or very inexpensively.

Something lots of us don't know is that all of the area food banks share. Wilberforce and Cardiff and the 4Cs and Minden all communicate and cooperate. We've done our best to try to be sure nobody goes cold or hungry.

Merry Christmas everyone, and thanks.

Laurie Langdon
Minden

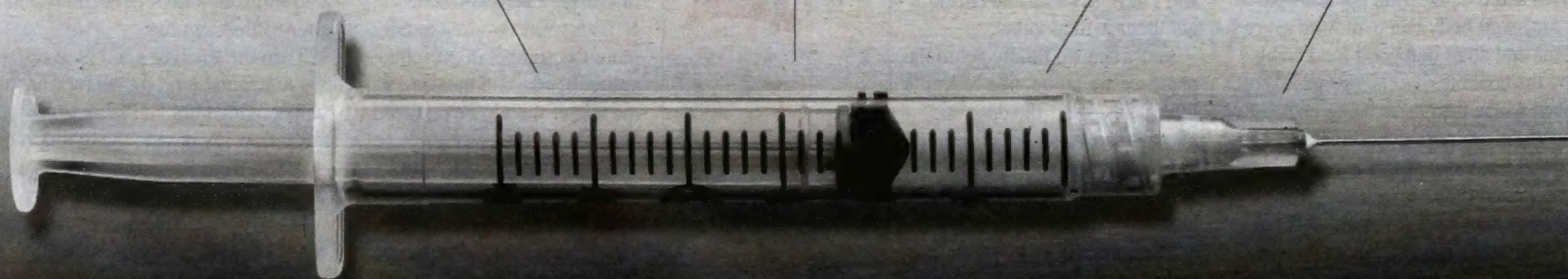
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• Half of those in hospital with H1N1 have been under 24 years old.

• Flu season continues until April.

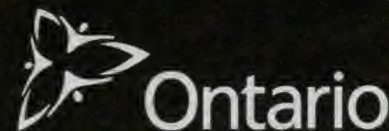
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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (BY-LAW - 09-114)

(Jim Garbutt, Part of Lot 11, Concession 3, geographic Township of Anson)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 09-114 on the 10th day of December, 2009 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 12th day of January, 2009, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 23rd day of December, 2009.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

a. the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and

b. the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Township of Minden Hills Offices Holiday Hours of Operation

Minden Hills Municipal Office-7 Milne St.

Open December 21st to 23rd, 2009
Closed December 24th to January 4th, 2010
Re-open January 4th, 2010

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Closed December 19, 2009, 5pm
Re-open January 5, 2010.

LANDFILL SITES/TRANSFER STATIONS

Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day - otherwise, regular winter dates and times will apply.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Township of Minden Hills will not be responsible for damaged mailboxes caused by snowplows during the recent extreme winter snow storm.

NOTICE

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (Elections tab) for complete up-to-date notices from the Township on the upcoming Municipal Election 2010.

IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS,
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec 24 - 4 Admin office Closed
Dec 31 New Year's Family Night - Minden Community Centre
New Year's Dance - Minden Community Centre
Jan 4 Admin office Open
Jan 14 Committee of the Whole 9 a.m. Council Chambers
Jan 14 Official closing of Time Capsule at the Minden Hills Library @ 2:00 p.m.

For a complete list of regular 2010 COTW/General Committee & Council Meeting dates visit
www.mindenhills.ca (Council)



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Holiday Hours
The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will close on
December 19 at 5pm and re-open January 5 at 10 am 2010.

Agnes Jamieson Gallery celebrates community with the
ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOW
December 3 to January 16

A non-juried display of our members' talents, where you can vote on your favourite piece for the People's Choice Award. Winner receives their 2010 membership free.

Join the Centre and show your art! Entry form and rules on our website:
www.mindenculturalcentre.com

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is now accepting applications from instructors for 2010 programming. Instructors are invited to propose interesting and engaging youth workshops specifically for the very popular March Break week and the Centre's Culture Club in the months of July and August. Workshops can be 2.5 hours or 5 hours for ages 5 to 7 or 8 to 12. The application requires a budget listing material costs (approx. \$5-\$10 per child). The instructor's fee is \$30 per hour. The Centre is looking for workshops that address any part of its cultural elements: literature, visual arts, heritage and environment. Please send your proposals, or questions, to Laurie Carmount gallery@mindenhills.ca

Marketing Workshop with Galilgraph - January 19, 10:30-2:30 pm lunch included. Learn about how to stretch your advertising dollars, learn how to save on shared print runs for your brochures and printed materials, and a lot more ideas from a company with over 20 years experience. For more information about cost or to register please call 286-2298, this workshop is a fundraiser for R.D. Lawrence Place.

For more information contact museum curator, Carol Simmons at 286-3154 or email museum@mindenhills.ca.

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

RIVERWALK pathway loop will not be maintained from October 1st to May 1st. Users will do so "at their own risk" and pathway could be slippery. Council, at their Council meeting on November 26, 2009, instructed that the Loggers' Crossing Bridge will be open for public use during the winter months - please use caution.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Official Time Capsule Closing at the Minden Library on Thursday, January 14th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTICE- MINDEN RIVERWALK

Please be advised that work has commenced on the new Clergy House Bridge and will continue for the next few weeks.

NOTICE-NEW SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE

Please be advised that work could commence the week of December 28th for the installation of the new snowmobile bridge at the Peck Street boat launch and Orde Street crossing. Anyone requiring further information may contact L. Cunliffe at 705-286-1260 ext 215.

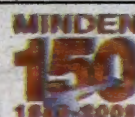
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New Tax Payment Options

Effective January 1, 2010 we will be offering three preauthorized plans for paying your property taxes:
Installment Plan - payments will be deducted from your bank account automatically on the due dates. Taxes must be paid to date with no overdue amounts.
Arrears Plan - a pre-approved amount will be withdrawn on the last business day of each month to clear up overdue taxes.
10 Month Payment Plan - the current year taxes will be deducted from February to November on the last business day of each month for accounts that are paid up to date with no overdue amounts.
Enrolment forms are available from the Township Office or on our website at www.mindenhills.ca



150th New Year's Celebration

Everyone come on out and enjoy a great evening, celebrating our 150th year and ringing in the New Year at the Minden Hills Community Centre! Tickets are \$20.00. Rabid Dogs performing 9:00 - 1:00 a.m., Blues, Folk, Jazz, Pop, Country and R&B - Kick up your heels or sit back and relax! Roast Beef on a Bun at Midnight! Tickets available at Minden Remax, Minden Times, Dominion Hotel and the Haliburton County Tourism Office. Visit www.minden150.ca to find out how to save at the door.

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Invites everyone on December 31st

5:30-8:30 pm Family Skate at the Minden Arena
6-8 pm Wagon Ride (pick-up from the back lot of Minden Community Centre)
7:30 pm Torch Light Walk leaves Village Green (downtown Minden) ending at the back lot of the Minden Community Centre for the huge Bonfire!
8:30ish Bonfire & Hot Chocolate-after the Torch Light Walk arrive.
9:00 pm Fireworks Display (back lot of Minden Community Centre)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Any persons parking on township maintained roadways during the winter months, that prohibit removal of snow will be towed at the owner's expense.

Much safer now pulling out of driveway, thank you

To the Editor,

We live on County Road 121 and came home Thursday afternoon to a wonderful surprise. The snow piles at the end of our driveway had been pushed back. Visibility was increased dramatically. The county roads department had taken it upon themselves to push back each

laneway along our road and others too.

This was very much appreciated guys. I now feel safer pulling out of the driveway. Thanks once again. Job well done.

Carol Simmons
Minden

Thank you road crews

To the Editor,

Kudos to the men and women who are working so hard to get our roads and sidewalks cleared of the devastating amount of snow we received. Everywhere you turn there are crews doing their best to make it safe for all. Let's be considerate of these people and drive with extra caution while they help to dig us out.

Carol and Bob Gilligan
Minden

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Stoop and scoop!

To the Editor,

Re: Dog poop

As a responsible dog owner who always "stoops and scoops," I am appalled by the condition of our Minden streets. I frequently walk my dog on Anson and Orde Streets and both of these streets are disgracefully befouled with dog poop. Come on people! Have your brains frozen in the cold? No matter the weather, you are still responsible for cleaning up after your dog!

Karin Warren
Minden

We wish to recognize our Minden Riverwalk project partners – it takes a community to build a destination.

All sponsors and purchasers of the Riverwalk Lottery

All other community members that have come out and given us a hand – this is a "community project" and it takes all of us!

Congratulations and thank you to Bonnie Fleischaker for naming our new pedestrian footbridge "Loggers' Crossing" and congratulations Molly McNerney for being the first person to officially bounce on it!

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We wish you a very safe and happy season, and a healthy, prosperous New Year!

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2009 huge for cultural centre

To the Editor,

Thanks for a great year!

As we near the end of another year, it is natural to take time to reflect. It has been a dynamic and successful year for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Without the investment from the people of Minden, local community groups, volunteers, Minden Rotary, Arts Alive Minden Foundation, and the wise decisions of town council, past and present, we would not be where we are today. Here are just some of our achievements in 2009:

- Agnes Jamieson Gallery became an Ontario Arts Council recommender gallery, able to give out exhibition assistance grants to local artists;
- R.D. Lawrence Place garnered international recognition through the World Wildlife Federation;
- Minden Hills Museum and Minden received national coverage through the Globe and Mail for the spectacular and moving exhibition "For King and County - Soldiers of the Haliburton Highlands";
- R.D. Lawrence Place received federal funding to present three of the nation's finest authors;
- New 5,000-square-foot library opened with significantly enhanced services;
- Received provincial funding to complete new five-

year strategic plan;

- Centre invited to make presentation at provincial conference on how municipalities provide leadership in the new creative economy;
- Agnes Jamieson Gallery met national borrowing standards to bring in work from the National Archives about Minden.

We are also very happy to announce that the cultural centre was able to meet the cost of delivering our mandated programming through admissions, program fees, donation and grants. In fact, the cultural centre was able to enhance our annual budget by \$65,000 in grant funding from all levels of government.

These milestones show that the cultural centre and Minden Hills are well on the way to putting into action Ontario's new focus on building the economy through the creative industries.

Georgina Parkes,
Chair of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre
Advisory Committee

Daniela Pagliaro,
Director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Time capsule to be buried 50 years

by **KATRINA CHVEDUKAS**
Co-op student

A lot can change in 50 years and what better way to see how they have than to fill a time capsule with things from the present.

Kinmount committee for economic planning have decided to create a time capsule that will be opened in 50 years time and will be buried in the Kinmount Community Centre's basement.

"We figured that was the best place to put it," Guy Scott said. "It's not something you put in front of peoples noses."

A member of the committee came up with the idea of a time capsule at one of their meetings and since then they've been preparing items to be put into it. They are not a hundred per cent sure what will be put into it so they're having a meeting on Dec. 27 to finalize everything.

So far they have a complete kit of the Kinmount Gazette, eight to 10 CDs with images, a section of a newspaper to show what was news and a show bill. The committee has also asked organizations and businesses in Kinmount to take a picture or find something small that shows what their business or organization was about.

And to be sure the capsule is actually opened there will be an open house before it is buried so that the younger generation can know about it.

Have your say. Send your Letter to the Editor
by Monday at 3 p.m. to editor@mindentimes.ca.



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County wants other municipalities to help fund water festival

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors want the District of Muskoka to start footing part of the bill for the Muskoka-Haliburton Children's Water Festival or else revoke their affiliation with the event and keep their kids at home.

The annual event takes advantage of Haliburton's lakes and water trails to teach children about the importance of water sources and water conservation.

"Not one cent comes in from Muskoka," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey after bringing up the subject at a Dec. 16 county budget meeting.

Fearrey also pointed out that the City

of Kawartha Lakes sends participants to the event and suggested that Haliburton's neighbour to the south begin chipping in for festival costs if it wished to continue sending children to the event.

Algonquin Reeve Eleanor Harrison said the event's organizer, Irene Heaven, is already on it.

"She has the same concerns," Harrison told her colleague, explaining that Heaven had already sent letters to Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes and that she believed both municipalities were willing to help with festival costs.

Harrison suggested that councillors wait until they hear definite details from Heaven before making any resolution on the issue and council decided to leave the issue alone for now.



Cutting the ribbon

Archie Stouffer Elementary School and YWCA volunteers celebrated the official opening of the Y's Archie Gently Used Boutique at the school on Dec. 18. A festive ribbon was cut by principal Joan Harpell, centre, and YWCA event coordinator Laura Redman. The store, located right in the school, sells used women's and children's clothing at very affordable prices. /Photo by Chad Ingram

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Thursday December 31st

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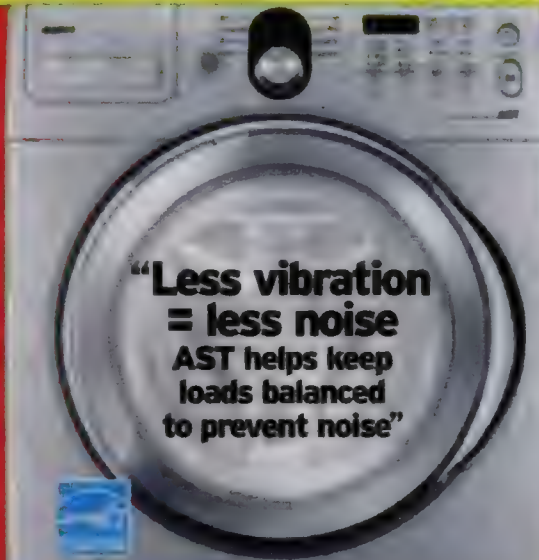
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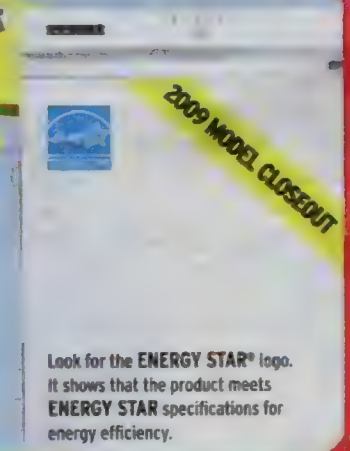


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Haliburton COUNTY news

Seniors' services suffered in snowstorm

Community Care struggled to keep up meals, rides

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

The storm that pounded the county with record-breaking amounts of snow may be over, but things are just beginning to get back to normal for some of the businesses and services throughout the community.

For Community Care, an organization focused on providing services and needs to seniors and those with disabilities, the large amount of snow that arrived in the county meant more than just a strenuous workout to shovel the driveway.

"Obviously a lot of transportation services were cancelled," says Judy Cumming, transportation coordinator for Community Care.

"This happened over a three-day period leading up to Friday and not just on the last day of the storm."

According to Cumming, however, those who depend on the vital services provided by the organization were most affected on Friday.

"On Friday morning we have three people that go to dialysis in Lindsay," explains Cumming.

"This, of course, is an urgent transfer as these people need to go."

The driver responsible for this service drove up from Minden on Friday morning, managing to pick-up one of the clients in Haliburton, Cumming says.

As he headed back to Minden to pick up the other two clients, the realization of the storm's severity dawned on him.

"He couldn't see and the driving conditions were pretty treacherous," says Cumming.

"So we contacted the hospital in Lindsay to explain the situation and they weren't very sympathetic. They couldn't seem to understand what our issue with the weather was."

The lack of understanding was a result of a localized weather pattern, one that had very little impact on the Lindsay area.

"They said to us, 'well the sun is shining here,'" laughs Cumming. "They were like, 'what do you mean you can't get people to dialysis?' My response to them was, 'well believe me, the sun is not shining here.'"

After explaining the conditions and the risk involved with driving, Cumming says it took most of Friday to line up what was going to happen for those in need of dialysis.

"We did manage to get one lady to her dialysis on Saturday morning in Peterborough, rather than Lindsay, and we got the other two gentlemen to dialysis on Saturday night," says Cumming.

"Our driver just did a fantastic job of doing that for us."

These services, says Cumming, are very much essential for those who depend on it.

"We're kind of like the post office," says Cumming, "rain or shine we have to go, especially with dialysis. Without it, these people could die."

Apart from the urgent concerns, there were also a number of other issues that arose due to the snow.

"I had another lady call on Monday who could not get out of her home because she couldn't open her door," says Cumming.

"She was basically trapped inside of her house."

Cumming referred her to a handyman through a separate program they offer, who was able to shovel her out of her house this past Thursday, almost a week after the storm.

Other concerns, such as food, also had to be addressed.

"We had a couple of clients who got stranded in their house," says Ida Schultz, meals on wheels coordinator for the organization.

"They had no food and they couldn't get out so they phoned in. I was able to take them an emergency supply of meals on wheels because I have a four-wheel drive."

According to Schultz, without the emergency run some clients would have been in a tough situation.

"We were supposed to have our regular meals on wheels run on the 10th of December," says Schultz, "but because of the weather we couldn't. So those people had to wait an extra five days in order for us to get the run out."

Fortunately many of those people heeded the suggestions Community Care gives them.

"We try to encourage people to keep an extra supply of meals on hand and thank goodness they did," says Schultz.

But even after the storm passed and the clean up began, it took a while before business went on as usual.

"Some of the calls we got we weren't able to get to until earlier this week just because of the big interruptions caused to us by the amount of snow," says Cumming. "But by Monday all the transportation runs were back up and running thankfully."

The record-breaking snowfall did manage to interfere with Christmas plans as well, but not for long.

"Unfortunately the Christmas lunch scheduled to happen on Friday in Wilberforce had to be postponed," says Cumming. "But luckily we were able to pull it off on Monday instead."



Kinmount resident Cathy King had the thrill of a lifetime Dec. 15 when she ran with the Olympic flame in Trenton. Photo submitted.

Kinmount resident runs with history

by JENN WATT
Editor

For about two minutes Dec. 15, Cathy King walked with a piece of history in her hands.

Selected as an Olympic torchbearer in October, King (Kinmount resident and Dysart municipal employee) walked 300 metres with the sacred sports flame in Trenton, one of 17 runners on her stretch of highway as it made its way cross-country.

"I'm not anyone special, I'm just an ordinary Canadian, but what I did was so special," King said.

Thirteen family members and hundreds of Olympics fans came out to see King walk with the flame — after a knee injury she couldn't run — and her co-workers back in Haliburton watched her via webcam.

She said it's still hard for her to describe the feeling of carrying the torch.

"Beforehand I was thinking of all the people I was doing it for, but when the time came it all left my head," she said.

King's torch was ignited by an exchange student studying at Queen's University from Iran. The two of them had an Olympic boogie all planned out, but when he ran his portion in under a minute, King was taken by surprise and didn't have time to enact their choreographed routine.

"I was so amazed when the flame lit," she said.

After her portion of the relay was over, Olympics officials quickly took the torch away and removed the fuel canister. King decided to keep the torch for sentimental value, but at quite a hefty price: more than \$400.

Friends from work and the Legion helped pay for what is a priceless item for King. She said she won't remove the soot the flame left on her memento.

Survey camp marks 90 years

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

For 90 years, engineering students from the University of Toronto have been honing their skills in Minden Hills.

The new year marks the 90th anniversary of the university's survey camp, located along the northern shore of Gull Lake.

"We've been part of the community for 90 years and were very proud of that," said Dr. Brenda McCabe, a professor with the school's civil engineer faculty.

It is strictly civil engineering students who use the facility.

"The students go in with the intent to learn to survey," McCabe said, but added that learning teamwork and facing challenges in a remote location are just as important as the formal curriculum.

"It's rustic," McCabe said of the 175-acre property, which, apart from an old wooden dormitory, dining hall and staff buildings, is chocked full of Haliburton wilderness.

While camps at one time were six weeks long, the school, due to cutbacks, now runs two, two-week camps each year.

During the last nine decades, McCabe estimates that somewhere between 6,000 and 7,000 U of T students have studied at the survey camp, going on to pursue engineering careers across the country and the globe.

"A lot of those have passed on," she said.

But their ghosts live on. As McCabe explained, the camp's buildings are etched with carvings of students who wanted to leave their mark.

Classes that attend the camp together even hold reunions to commemorate their time on Gull Lake and McCabe said she was sure the university would still be using the camp 90 years down the road.

"Our alumni hold it so dear," she said.

Social services demand up at county

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lors. Janke said the county also had a deficit in its social services funding, which it shares with the City of Kawartha Lakes, to the tune of approximately \$236,000 for 2009.

Janke said the unanticipated depth of the recession has meant that more people than expected have been using social services.

Collective bargaining with the union that represents the county's employees also means that county employees will be receiving a three per cent pay increase in 2010. These factors, combined with the huge cut in provincial funding, would mean the county would need a tax increase of 17 per cent to keep services and programming at their current levels, Janke said.

"I don't think we can eat a 17 per cent increase," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Other councillors agreed and passed a motion that staff work on estimates of what 10 and 12 per cent tax increases would look like and that these proposals be discussed by council at a special budget meeting on March 10.

Fearrey was also concerned that monies, approximately \$150,000, unspent by various county departments had been put into reserves specific to those departments rather than into a general reserve.

"We're all this together; it's the county of Haliburton," Fearrey said, explaining that he saw the budget method as saddlebagging on behalf of different departments.

"If I [as a department head] save money, I save for the county's taxpayers."

However, other councillors agreed with the method. Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said

"Our roads department is like an accordion."

DOUG RAY

she didn't see the money as money that had been saved by a department, but rather as money that has not yet been spent.

The matter was put to a vote, and councillors by a margin of five to three voted to leave the unspent money in department-specific reserves.

Councillors also heard from the county's department heads, who gave overviews of the last year and outlined challenges as well as savings opportunities for the upcoming year.

Roads superintendent Doug Ray, whose department is expected to be hardest hit by the large cuts in provincial funding, seemed shocked and exasperated by the news of the funding cut as he spoke to council.

"We're going to have to sit down and have a hard, hard look," he said, adding that a study has shown the county needs about \$8 million worth of roads projects.

Ray said he could likely go without items like new bush-mowing equipment and possibly decrease the number ditches and roadsides that are mowed by the county during summer months.

"Our roads department is like an accordion," he said, explaining his department would make it through, no matter how tightly it was squeezed.

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Christmas draw winners announced

Winners were announced for the Minden Agricultural Society Christmas draw. First prize fruit basket (donated by IGA) went to Marg Wood of Minden; second place turkey (donated by Coneybeare's Butcher Shop) went to Bryan Sisson of Minden; third prize poinsettia (donated by Campbell's Flowers and Gifts) was won by Bill VanDyke of Minden. Thanks to all who supported the Haliburton County Fair.

GM worked on youth games

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person of the May March, a fundraising event for the Huntsville Festival of the Arts.

Clark said the committee received 23 applications from impressive candidates across Canada and in other countries and said while it may be convenient that Malone "lives in our backyard," it was his qualifications and demonstrated passion for his work that gave Malone the job.

Malone said he was honoured to call Haliburton his backyard and told committee members how much he had enjoyed his work heading up the youth games in Muskoka.

"The only thing I didn't like about my

job . . . is that there was an end to it," he said.

Malone's work with the youth games wraps up in April, at which point he will begin work on Winterfest full time.

Malone praised committee members for their spirited volunteerism.

"I'm anxious to get working with everybody," he said.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison offered Malone congratulations on behalf of county warden Dave Burton.

"County council is extremely excited about these games," Harrison said.

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Food for Kids program needs financial assistance

Food for Kids, Haliburton County's student nutrition program, now in its 11th year, finds itself in the unusual position of needing additional financial assistance to ensure that its programs continue to the end of this school year. With more than 4,000 snacks and/or breakfasts being provided each week to students in all schools in the county, Food for Kids receives base funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and our school board, but relies on other grants and community donations to complete their funding needs.

Rosie Kadwell, dietitian with the HKPR Health Unit and chair of the Food for Kids steering committee, is confident that when the people in Haliburton County know about the current financial crunch, they will come forward. "We have always had frequent and amazing contributions to individual schools and to our community funds account and we believe that when the people of Haliburton and especially local businesses and community organizations find out that we need help now, they will come forward and keep Food for Kids going and growing."

She added that the Haliburton County student nutrition program is essential to student learning. "The teachers in our

schools not only support Food for Kids but cannot imagine the elimination or even the lessening of any of our programs." Rosie shared the following thoughts from a teacher at Wilberforce Elementary School: "Student feeding programs [Food for Kids] is the best thing. I have been at this school for nine years and once the breakfast and snack program was implemented, I noticed a big difference in the students' ability to focus and learn. They are more alert and the test scores went up. I would cry if we lost these programs."

Karen Phipps, coordinator of the Food for Kids program works first hand with schools and volunteers. Karen, who is also a teacher at Cardiff Elementary School, states "Food for Kids is there for the children who do not eat breakfast before they come to school and for those who may, after long bus rides continue to be hungry on arrival. Food for Kids ensures that no student comes to school too hungry to learn."

Haliburton County needs Food for Kids. Haliburton County is the poorest county in Ontario. The research document *Social Determinants of Health in Haliburton - A Report Card*, April 2009 states that 4.1 to 4.5 per cent of households in Haliburton

County use one of the four food banks on a monthly basis. The provincial average for food bank use is three per cent and all our county banks have continued to report increased use in the last six months. Research also indicates that many more families who need food do not access the food banks.

Food for Kids makes a real difference in the health and learning of children. Please give consideration to having your workplace, your service group or your community organization "take up" Food for Kids as its charity project for 2010. Our children need Food for Kids and Food for Kids needs you!

For more information about Food for Kids or to access the above-mentioned report please contact Rob Stonehouse at 457-1311. You can also mail your donation to Point in Time-Food for Kids, Box 1306 Haliburton KOM 1S0. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.

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Junior hoopsters drop close one to Spartans

by TERRANCE GAVAN
Times Staff

Basketball is like Wall Street. You do all you can on the cramped floor for that one prancing glance, and shuffled shot at the closing bell – or that obnoxious ear-splitting buzzer.

The junior Red Hawks basketball squad managed their game well enough last Tuesday to have one final juke and jive at redemption with the game clock clunking to climax.

Down three – 31-28 – to the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Spartans with just over three seconds to play, Hawks coach Paul Longo called time.

Time out with the game on the line.

It's at this point where a seasoned hoops coach looks down the bench for the go-to guy; the guy with the soft hands and the deft touch.

Hal High's designated magic man, Damon Flatman – who scored 20 and 19 in his previous two games – was unfortunately indisposed and off the floor at the trading deadline last Tuesday afternoon.

Flatman was riding pine with five fouls.

So with their high flyer out of the mix, the Red Hawks went to plan B.

The Hawks were sharp on the inbounds, and managed to juke one up before the clock ticked out, but the ball landed shy of the mark and the Hawks lost 31-28.

And hey, the fact that the Hawks kicked some stuff into gear in the second half bodes well for the young team as they head into the post-Christmas section of the Kawartha league schedule.

Hawks were down by 10 at the half and pressed their way to a second-half resurgence.

Remember, too, that LCVI is a triple A school with a large enrolment and some players who have obviously

played a lot of summer or recreation league roundball. With young players that extra summer pop presents a huge advantage.

But not insurmountable, as a game group of Red Hawks proved last Tuesday. Hawks gave as good as they got in the second half especially, rallying from a 10-point half-time deficit with some hard pressing action in the third and fourth quarters.

Coach Longo was upbeat in his post-game assessment. "I thought we started off a little flat today, and then we got into a little foul trouble," said Longo. "But we made a run in the third quarter."

He said that with Flatman on the pine, disqualified with five fouls and previously hobbled with a muscle injury that slowed him down for a large part of the game, some of the other Hawks were forced to step large on defense and down the lane.

"I think I tried to play some guys that don't see the floor that much and they all played well," said Longo. "Damon fouled out and it was nice to see some of the other guys step up and play."

One of those guys just happened to be a seldom-used Grade 9 student Louis Ferracutti, who collected four points in the contest. That was nice, but even more impressive was Ferracutti's propensity for sniffing out some loosely dished balls, a tactic that earned him five steals in the game.

"Louis had a good game, he's still young, and we're looking for some good things coming from him next year," said Longo.

Longo said that the team still revolves around Flatman and when you lose your big man, it's important for other guys to occupy some roles.

"The guy that had the best game today was Dylan Smith," said Longo. "Our big guy today, he played really strong, and I was really impressed with Dylan's overall



The Red Hawks Andrew Murray (#12) soars high into the lane for a lay-up during second half action against LCVI at the Hawks Nest last Tuesday. Hawks lost 31-28. See more basketball photos by Terrance Gavan online at www.mindentimes.ca.

play today."

Longo also gave huge props both to Andrew Murray and Jonah Stonehouse who both managed to control the tempo and the boards to keep the Hawks in the game.

And Longo says his Hawks can take this learning curve with them to the Christmas break. "This as a good game for us today," said Longo, "and there were probably some things I could have done a little different as a coach today, but we're learning and we've got a lot of games in January coming up."

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Dave Petney presenting the Petney Home Hardware trophy to the A division playoff winners: Bruce Fisher, Ron Bobbie, Dave Millington and Scotty Boyd (who is holding the Bill Roodenberg Real Estate trophy as winners of the Tuesday evening men's league).



A division Thursday playoff winners of the Minden Times trophy: Charlie Hadley, Bruce Fisher, Rosina Hoare and Wes Lytle.

Curling winners

Not pictured: Winner of the Monday ladies' league: Melanie Vigrass, Donelda MacLean, Peggy Cassils, Beni Kearns. Winner of the ladies' A division playoffs: Nancy Garbutt, Carol Alain, Gwen Turner, Sarah Rochford. Winner of the Friday evening mixed league: Craig and Dana Dodds, Wes and Karen Lytle.

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Laura Redman, right, of the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton hosted the first annual awards ceremony for local women at the Beaver Theatre on Dec. 6. Rosie Kadwell, left, was among the recipients. /Photo submitted by Peter Redman



Guardian Angel awards honour local women

We had a wonderful turnout of 74 people on a snowy evening in Minden at our first annual YWCA Guardian Angel Awards held at the Beaver Theatre on Dec. 6. The Outloud Womyn's Voices sang beautifully and the male discussion panel that included Sgt. Mike Landry, Haliburton OPP; Terry Goodwin, Haliburton-based probation officer; Peter Ferri, vice-principal Archie Stouffer Elementary School; Merv Everall, retired Anglican minister and former high school principal; and Dan Bajorek, program manager at Point in Time offered some really positive and relevant points including:

- A need to change/watch our language around "isms" so we're not labelling or stereotyping
- Offenders move to rural areas to isolate their spouses
- Men can and will talk if given support, role models and safety within expressing their feelings and emotions

· Continuous training is happening within the OPP regarding victims

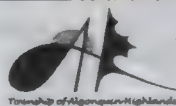
· The OPP are bringing back special officers who will work more closely to mentor and befriend youth

Our 2009 Guardian Angel award recipients were chosen for their work in support of other women in Haliburton County. They were:

- Rosie Kadwell, health unit nutritionist
- Stephanie Foster, a 21-year-old dynamo born and raised in Minden, a volunteer in many organizations and auxiliary OPP as well as working on her degree and plans to join the OPP next year
- Pauline Knott, school board student services worker
- Linda Mintz, SIRCH healthy baby, healthy mom program who also runs other programs and support groups for young mothers at risk
- And Heather Ross environmentalist and former HERS committee member who was unable to attend the evening, but had a friend accept on her behalf and read a message from Heather.

We laid roses for the women who died in Montreal and an honorary rose for the 15 women who have been killed so far this year in domestic violence incidents. Many attendees came up to introduce themselves at the end of the event, and to say how wonderful, heartwarming and positive it was for a Dec. 6 event.

Submitted by Laura Redman, volunteer and events developer at the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton



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For the people of Haliburton County the weekend of Dec. 12 and 13, 2009 will be remembered as the BIG one! Record snowfalls threatened to shut down everyone and everything. I'm so very proud to report that the seventh annual Silverstick Hockey Tournament hosted by the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association went on without a hitch. We owe a great deal of thanks to our municipal and county roads departments for doing an awesome job in clearing the roads and parking lots. A weaker breed of people would have thrown in the towel and cuddled up by their stoves, but the Haliburton County people are a tough – a dumping of snow couldn't shut us down!

Early Friday morning on Dec. 11, hockey teams from Southern Ontario were called giving them an alternate travel route to arrive safely to our regional qualifier. They were instructed to stay away from highways 400 and 11 because of the storm coming off of Georgian Bay and instead travel east to highways 115 and 35 before heading north.

All the teams arrived safely and were thankful for the advice stating that below Norland the weather was sunny and nice. They claimed that the last 30 miles were at a snail's pace and couldn't believe how much snow had fallen in such a short time. Visiting hockey teams trav-

elled from Lincoln, Napanee, Acton, Lindsay, Ennismore, Port Hope, Ayr, Dundas, New Hamburg, Huntsville, Caledonia, Campbellford, Simcoe and Norwood for the Bantam/Midget AE (additional entry) tournament. Including the Atom/Pee wee teams who played on the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6, we had 30 minor hockey teams visit our county (approximately 1,500 people).

After 60 games of hockey, four teams emerged as champions for our regional tournament. Our own Highland Storm Atom AE team won the Atom group (congrats!), Caledonia Thunder won the Pee wee group, the Napanee Stars were victorious in the Bantam group and the New Hamburg Huskies returned as reigning champions to capture the title for the Midget group once again. Great job! These four teams will represent our regional tournament at the International Silverstick Finals in Niagara this coming January. There will be 72 champion hockey teams participating at the finals from all over North America for five days of fun, sportsmanship and international competition.

On behalf of the Highland Storm, I would like to thank the participating teams and the hotels, motels and lodges who accommodated these teams, our registration people Karena Crofts and her team parents, Kelly MacKay and her team parents, Andy Paul and his team and Tammy and Craig Smith for doing an outstanding job! I would also like to thank the arena snack bars for putting on the

team lunches, the arena staff for keeping the arenas running smoothly, Bonnie from Parker Pad and Printing for the awesome programs, Joanne Aggett from Haliburton Timbr-Mart for the beautiful wall charts, Glen, John and Kevin from Sharpley's Source for Sports for the great awards, the timekeepers Eric Nicholls, Jarrett Campbell and Ashton Haley for a super job, and last but not least, Joel Mulock and his referees who refereed 60 games and got great compliments on their efforts from all the visiting teams! (Well, most of them.) Thanks to everyone involved!

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County of Haliburton Holiday Office Closure

The County of Haliburton Administration Building will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2009 and will re-open for regular business on Monday, January 4, 2010. If you wish to leave a message for one of our staff, please call 705-286-1333 and follow the voice mail instructions. Alternatively, visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca to obtain a list of contact information.

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We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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Dorset lights up for Christmas



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

705-766-0076

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The 16th annual Dorset Christmas tree lighting ceremony and carolling took place on Sunday, Nov. 29 and had a great group of people in attendance. The drizzle turning later to snow did not stop everyone from coming out and having some fun. The hotdogs and hot chocolate provided by the Dorset Lions and the volunteer fire department were enjoyed by all. All of the carols in the handouts were cheerfully sung cover to cover! It was just great and put everyone in "good spirits bright!"

This year's official community Christmas tree lighter was Norman MacKay. The MacKay family is one of Dorset's pioneering families. Norman was born and raised in Dorset and is the middle of three sons of Norman and Devina MacKay. Norman left Dorset as a teenager to see the outside world and make a living. He met Alice Taylor when he was working in the Toronto area and the rest, as they say, is history!

Norman and his family came home for many family visits and when they retired he moved back to his fam-

ily roots. Since his retirement Norman has been a driving force for the Dorset Heritage Museum of which he has been a hard-working chairperson for almost 10 years. Although he has retired from the chairperson position he is still a very active member of the committee and the committee won't let him go if he ever tried to retire from that! Thank you Norm!

Here's something new for this winter season of 2009/2010. The township of Algonquin Highlands trails department will be renting cross-country ski and snowshoe equipment from their office located at 20130 Hwy. 35 on Lake St. Nora (beside the Frost Centre). For more information, you can call 766-9033 or have a look at their page on the website: www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

This is one last reminder that the Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24 to Sunday, Jan. 3, reopening for regular hours on Monday, Jan. 4. That being said, staff is working hard to get the outdoor rink up and running and, weather permitting, the rink will be open for the holidays!

The next Monday night yoga class at the recreation centre is Jan. 4 at 5:30 p.m. This class is open to all levels and is a great way to start that resolution on taking care of your health. The instructor, Katie Ross, has even offered to give you the first class for free just to try it out! For more information, contact the recreation centre at 766-9968.

The next session of Tai Chi at the Dorset Recreation Centre will start on Tuesday, Jan., 5 and will run for 10 weeks. Classes are in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome to participate, even beginners. If you would like more information, give Valerie a call at 705-767-1177.

The Dorset book club is meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at the Dorset library at 1 p.m. to talk about the book, *Good to a Fault* by Maura Endicott. All are welcome and a library card is not required. For more information, call the library at 766-9969.

Birthday wishes for the week of Dec. 20 to 26 go out to Rebecca Arbuckle and Len Whitworth. Have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN OPA NO. 2

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Open House and a Public Meeting under the Planning Act.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Official Plan Amendment No. 2 has been initiated by the Council for the Corporation of the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P 13, as amended. The proposed amendment is a general amendment which will result in revisions to the policies in the County Official Plan to address matters identified by the community. The amendment will result in an Official Plan that is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Open House on

DATE: Saturday January 16th, 2010
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to review the final draft of the Official Plan policies. County Staff and members of the Consultant Team will be on hand to receive comments and answer questions.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Meeting under the Planning Act on

DATE: Wednesday January 27th, 2010
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

This Meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the final draft of the Official Plan policies. County Council will hear presentations but requests that written comments also be provided.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Open House, Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of draft Official Plan policies can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department after August 15th, 2009 or by visiting the County website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca and following the links from News & Public Notices: Official Plan - 5 Year Review. Information regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 17th day of December, 2009

For additional information please contact
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Director of Planning
County of Haliburton
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P. O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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JOIN IN AND CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S!

The Minden Sesquicentennial
Committee Invites everyone on
December 31st

5:30-8:30 pm Family Skate at the
Minden Arena

6-8 pm Wagon Ride (pick-up from
the back lot of Minden
Community Centre)

7:30 pm -Torch Light Walk leaves Village Green
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8:30ish Bonfire & Hot Chocolate-
after the Torch Light Walk arrive.

9:00 pm-Fireworks Display (back lot
of Minden Community Centre)



Kinmount's Christmas countdown nearly complete



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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email: brucefleury@nexicom.net

Today is day three before Christmas and while there is no sign of three French hens arriving, a special spirit fills the old farmhouse. Bruce has made his famous maple cream (plus one pan of chocolate fudge) using not only his dad's recipes, but his original candy thermometer.

This candy was a tradition when Grandpa was with us and now continues for new generations of eager consumers. For several years now my sister's Christmas gift has been the annual Canadian Women's Calendar "Her Story." Through photos and stories it profiles Canadian women who have made a difference in a variety of areas including politics, education, the arts, social justice and family well-being. There is also room for names/addresses.

Determined to finally consolidate my database Sunday afternoon seemed an ideal time to begin transferring information from dog-eared edition 2009 (plus assorted coffee stained scribbled scraps) into crisp edition 2010. This proved to be an unexpected emotional experience. Some entries were deleted due to the passing of dear family and friends or changes in relationships. Land-line numbers increasingly gave way to cellphone codes or email monikers. Birthday lists needed pruning. When completed, the streamlined end product will be a definite improvement however a few concessions must be made. Under a section labelled "Notes" there will still be the recipe for Duncan Hines Lemon Loaf and the entry that one Samuel Robert Brown was born on June 28, 1828 and died on August 5, 1878 too early to see his son, my granddad, Edward Lorne, born but that is another love story for another day. Merry Christmas.

What a fitting ending to a very special year. Everyone is invited to the Kinmount sesquicentennial year closing celebration coming up on Sunday, Dec. 27 at the community centre.

The festivities begin with a complimentary fellowship lunch at 1 p.m. followed by presentations, a slideshow of the special events held over the year, entertainment and free Kinmount memorabilia draws. The time capsule dedication will be at 2 p.m. For souvenir items including complete sets of the Kinmount Gazette, local histories, fridge magnets, postcards and more drop downstairs to the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and shop tax free until Dec. 31. Please note that the marketplace will close for upgrades during the month of January and reopen Jan. 30.

Again this year the Kinmount and District Lions Club will manage the arena for the coming rink season. Once the ice is in (the target date is Boxing Day) there will be public skating daily over the holidays. For more information about public skating, hockey and rentals call 488-3293. Registration for the Kinmount Knights minor hockey program can be done at the Kinmount Freshmart or give Dave or Pam a call at 488-2237. The fee per child for the season is \$25. A vote of thanks is due to these great volunteers who make this community their priority and support programs for our families.

At the John McGrath Legion branch 441 Kinmount due to the holidays there will not be the regular Tuesday lunch on Dec. 29 or bingo on either Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. On New Year's Eve plan to dance away the old year and ring in the new at the Legion with D.J. Tom Williamson from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets include prizes, favours and a hot/cold buffet are a bargain at \$15/person. Advance tickets are available now by calling the branch at 488-3462.

Also at the Legion branch 441 Kinmount president Mary Lou Ferguson is hosting the annual president's levee on Friday, Jan. 1 at 1:30 p.m. Non members are most welcome to attend. While there find out more about the

variety of regular programs offered at the branch.

And now from our home to yours the warmest of wishes for the holiday season. Until next week...



Participants in this year's Kinmount Santa Claus parade./Photo by Jenn Watt

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January 1st 9:00 a.m.

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December 24th 9:00 p.m.

December 25th 10:30 a.m.

January 1st 10:30 a.m.

Local books make great gifts



STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson
489-1397

pinereflections@sympatico.ca

There's a certain little girl who lives in Halls Lake that isn't so little any more. This week birthday wishes go out to Alyssa Mary Stiver who turned all of 10 years old on Dec. 22.

Halls Lake has another popular person celebrating a birthday this time of the year..... Alyssa's grandmother, Mary Stiver.

Happy Birthday to two December celebrities!

Great news! The Stanhope Kids' Club will run again! The recreation committee decided that based on the success of last years program they will restart the Kids' Club.

Kids' Club will run every second and fourth Friday of the month of January, February and March and is geared for children between the ages of 6 and 12. Volunteers will have many activities planned for them including games, crafts, skating at the outdoor Stanhope rink, which will be up and running shortly.

Speaking of volunteers, if you have some time on your hands and want to get out and help out for any or all of these Friday nights please give them a call at 705-766-9968 or by email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.



Members of the choir at Carnarvon's Zion United Church sang the story of Christmas in a cantata performance entitled "One Incredible Moment." The performance interspersed readings from choir members with carols. /Photo by Chad Ingram

The cost for the Kids' Club is \$1 per child and parent participation is definitely welcomed and encouraged.

For those of you who still need that interesting little item to complete your gift giving, I still have some of Fred Gregory's booklets for sale.

Two of them are historical and make good reading especially for those of us that haven't lived here long enough to know this interesting stuff.

Did you know that there was a ski hill right here in Carnarvon?

Find out what life was like in the early 1900s in *A Year*

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Gee, and I thought I was roughing it when we moved here in 1996!

The third booklet is a detailed herb book that contains beautiful sketches from the collection of Jack Gregory. These are authentic illustrations drawn by felt and coloured pens. Descriptions of each herb beautifully written by Barbara Gamble Gregory

Written and printed right here in Carnarvon! Come and check them out!

Have a great Christmas!

community calendar

What's happening in the County

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to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- December 25th: A Mission Of Love 5 is hosting a Free Delicious Traditional Turkey Dinner for anyone on Christmas Day – Join us at the Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton at 5:00 pm. Please call to register 457-2851.
- January 7 to 16: The Taoist Tai Chi Society (TM) is holding Open Houses in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of a new classes - Taoist Tai Chi(TM) is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. For more information, please call Brenda 447-2148 or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca
- January 9: Wilberforce Agricultural Society would like to Invite You to Our Annual General Meeting – Join us at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre at 7:30 pm. Come and learn about the workings of the Wilberforce Fair. Everyone Welcome!
- January 21: The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held at the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce – Join us at 7:00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments.
- Christmas Closure Minden and Haliburton OEYC – Both centres will be closed on Thursday, December 17 and reopening for regular hours on Monday, January 4, 2010. The Ontario Early Years Staff wish all families a safe and Happy Holiday.
- Good News Club – Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079.



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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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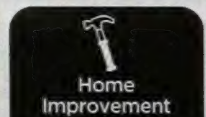
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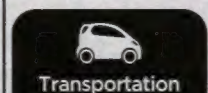
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Coming Events A940

CHECK IT OUT

CHICK-A-DEE LUNCHEON 2010 Haliburton Unit of R.T.O will be holding its Chick-a-dee Luncheon on Monday, January 11th, 2010 at 12 Noon at the Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House on Hwy 35.

All R.T.O Members, retired teachers and guests welcome. Haliburton Unit Members will be telephoned.

Menu: Hot & Cold Buffet All Inclusive Price: \$20.00

Call Nick Pawluck at 705-286-1562 or Marg Valentine at 705-454-3451 for reservations, before January 6th, 2010

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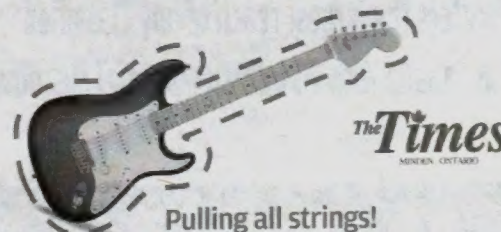
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Births



Hailey Iris Smith

Joined her parents Kolt & Jenny, her Grandparents; Gary & Jackie Smith and Norm & Karen Perrott, Great Grandparents; Jim & Linda Hamilton, Elaine Smith, Charles & Isobel Perrott, and Grant Clement, On September 11th, 2009 in Peterborough at 12:11am, weighing 7lbs 9oz

Kolt, Jenny & Hailey would like to thank all our family and friends for all their loving support, help, and wonderful gifts! And yes...Hailey is already working on her wrist shot!!

In memoriam

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In loving memory of my parents

Jim 1902-1998

Gladys 1902-1999

They were parents very special

They can never be replaced

Their memory in our daily life

Will never be erased.

Time cannot steal our memories

We carry in our hearts

Or take away the happy years

Of which they are a part.

We will always love and miss you.

Yvonne and Mike and family

In Memory of our precious sister
Brenda McKelvey,
who passed away December 26, 2007

There is a bridge of memories

From here to Heaven above

That keeps you very close to us

It's called the "Bridge of Love"

As time goes by without you

And the days turn into years

They hold a million memories

And a thousand silent tears

To us you were so special

What more is there to say

Except we wish with all our hearts

That you were here today.

Deeply misses, loved and forever in our hearts,

Sharon, Linda, Kathy, Wendy & families.

In memoriam

Chad Smith

*Those we love, don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near,
So loved so missed so very dear.*

Loving you at
Christmas and always,
your girlfriend Christine

In Loving Memory

of a dear son

Junior Rowden

who left us December 26, 1988

There is a family who misses you,
And finds time long since you went.

We think of you daily & hourly,

But try to be brave & content.

Our tears that we shed are in silence,

For you were ours and we remember,

We Love You

Sadly missed & never to be forgotten,

Mom & Family



Deaths



Tom Nunn

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)



Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side on Thursday evening, December 17, 2009 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Elaine Nunn (nee Ziolk). Loving father of Michelle (predeceased), Mike & Jackie, Mark (Lynn) and Dan (Angie). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lisa, Renee, Jessica, Danielle, Kristen, Jillian, Ashley and great grandchildren Ken, Justin, Helene, Trey, Sophia, Victoria, Natalia, Jackson, Lindsay and Jake. Dear brother of Bob, Betty, Collie and Rose. Predeceased by his sister Marge. Also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service

Respecting Tom's wishes, there will be no visitation or Funeral Service. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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Dennis Tulloch

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At the age of 63



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Graveside Service and Committal

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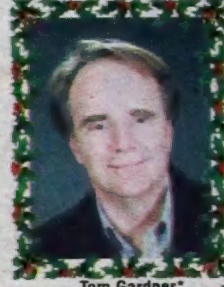
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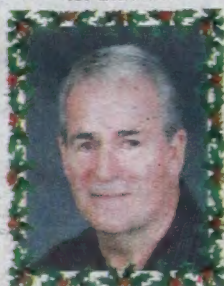
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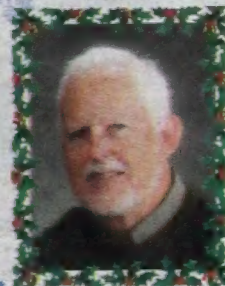
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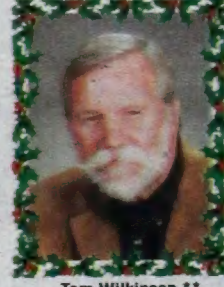
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